

DISPOSAL WELL ACT—CIVIL PENALTIES**CHAPTER 599**

H. B. No. 1595

An Act relating to functions and powers of the Texas Water Quality Board; functions and powers of the Texas Railroad Commission; civil penalties for violations of the Disposal Well Act or of rules, regulations, or permits of the board or commission; increasing the maximum sum for the civil penalties from \$1,000 to \$5,000; amending Section 22.101, Water Code; containing other provisions relating to the subject; and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. Section 22.101, Water Code, is amended⁷⁹ to read as follows:

"Sec. 22.101. Civil Penalty

"(a) A person who violates any provision of this chapter, any rule or regulation of the board or the commission made under this chapter, or any term, condition, or provision of a permit issued under this chapter shall be subject to a civil penalty in any sum not exceeding \$5,000 for each day of noncompliance and for each act of noncompliance.

"(b) The action may be brought by the board or the commission in any court of competent jurisdiction in the county where the offending activity is occurring or where the defendant resides."

Sec. 2. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on May 24, 1975, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 31, 1975, by a viva-voce vote.

Approved June 19, 1975.

Effective Sept. 1, 1975, 90 days after date of adjournment.

**MENTAL HEALTH AND RETARDATION BOARD—
TRANSFER OF LAND****CHAPTER 600**

H. B. No. 1597

An Act relating to the transfer of certain described land to the City of San Antonio for park purposes; and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. The Texas Board of Mental Health and Mental Retardation may authorize the Commissioner of Mental Health and Mental Retarda-

⁷⁹ V.T.C.A., Water Code, § 22.101.